HOW THE FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS FOR PANAMA CANAL WILL BE PAID

Formalities to Be Observed by the Government in This Financial Transaction.

HAY'S INITIATIVE

Signature of an Indianian, Controller Tracewell, an Indispensable Feature.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WASHINGTON, March 12 .- The payment by the United States of the fifty millions of dollars for the Panama canal properties and franchises-forty millions to the Panama Canal Company and ten millions to the Republic of Panama-wi'l be a pretty

as interesting to the layman not familiar to make it unnecessary for him to hand with the processes of governmental settle- over a single sack of gold, unless, of course, ments. The United States paid fifteen millions of dollars for the Louisiana territory, seven millions for Alaska and twenty mil- go abroad is a matter now interesting the lions for the Philippines. The gross re- American financiers. It is expected that at ceipts of the government in 1846 aggregat- in this country. If a large amount of it ed twenty-nine millions of dollars, or twen- is wanted in Paris, then some of the actual ty-one millions less than we pay for this unfinished waterway across the isthmus. enough to make these initiatory payments in the ship canal business and only twice during that period produced exceeding that was worth only three millions more than the present obligation to the French Canal Company and the infant republic.

It is presumed that this account will be closed in the very near future and there are possibly some pretty well informed Canal Company and the Republic of Panama will back up their carts to the doors of the United States treasury and receive the attention of the people to the abuse of therein their fifty millions of dollars in privileges and the reckless disregard of the gold. Strictly speaking, these parties have value of human life by corporations. The this right, though in case they availed whole world was horror-stricken by the themselves of it they would have to bring disastrous fire in the Iroquois Theater in along with them five freight cars of ordi- Chicago, and everywhere the theaters and nary burden in which to carry their treas- places of public gatherings were overhauled.

tle. If indeed any, of the shining yellow of the public, and people are satisfied with coin will play a concrete part in the trans- | the results. But a greater reform is needfer of the fifty millions from Uncle Sam's ed in another direction. I refer to the reckstrong boxes to the coffers of the parties less wholesale murder-for it is nothing of the second part. The amount of gold to be actually handled in the process of payment will depend upon the conditions and bank balances in the United States and Europe while payment is in course of comple-

THE FORMAL PROCEDURE. The initiative, in the ordinary course of such settlements, will be taken by Secretary of State Hay. All treaty stipulations as between the United States and the Republic of Panama having been complied with, and the Spooner act and any necessary subsequent legislation by the Congress of the United States having been duly engrossed, passed and signed by the proper officials, ending with President Roosevelt, the secretary of state, either with or without request from the fiscal agents of the Panama Canal Company and the Republic of Panama, will certify these accounts to the secretary of the treasury.

Secretary Shaw, technically speaking, will be in complete ignorance of these items of forty and ten millions, respectively, alleged to be due certain French gentlemen and others, and will refer the matter to the auditor for the State and other departments, who at this time is Mr. Ernest G. Auditor Timme will have before Spooner act, authorizing the President to negotiate for the canal properties and the right of way, the treaty with the Republic of Panama, the contract with the Panama Canal Company, the opinions of Attorney General Knox and the titles tendered by the conveying parties. If he finds satisfactory evidence of the validity of the claims and full authority conferred for the payment of the same, Auditor Timme will so certify and return the papers to Sec-

sion of bookkeeping and warrants of his department prepare warrants authorizing the assistant treasurer at New York to pay the sums indicated to the proper parties, duly identified. Secretary Shaw will sign these warrants, but they will not be valid until countersigned by Robert J. Tracewell, controller of the treasury, who must O. K. these bills before they are paid, and if he does not O. K. them they will not be paid, since he has the right of veto in such matters, unless the same thing should happen to him which befell one of his predecessors who declined to attach his signature to certain papers which were considered legal by his superiors. There were a number of stormy conferences, according to the story, Acting upon this theory the railroad in some peremptory orders to the controller, the case of the Purdue wreck figured the

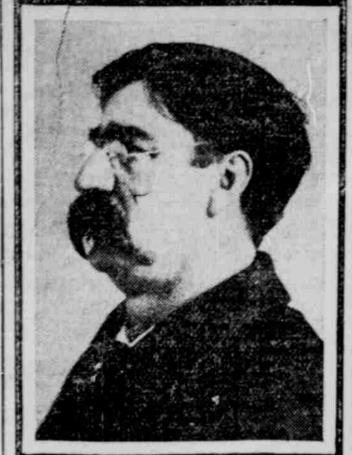
that he couldn't change the law. reached him next day, "but we can change dollars and cents that would probably be controllers.

MR. TRACEWELL'S PART. It is expected, however, that Controller Tracewell, after close scrutiny, will find these claims in proper form and valid and boys, a man with a wife and two chilpass them along for the final signature of Ellis H. Roberts, the treasurer of the earning capacity, his widow should have United States, and then the precious bits | had \$40,000 or \$50,000, for he had to be a of paper will be ready to hand over to the persons authorized to receive them.

In case anything prevents the presence of Secretary Shaw, the law provides that an assistant secretary may sign warrants. The warrants to pay for the Philippines were signed by Assistant Secretary Frank . Vanderlip. There were four of them or five millions each and they were handed by Mr. Vanderlip to Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, acting for Spain, who deosited the warrants in the Riggs National Bank, of Washington. The Riggs Bank forwarded them to the National City Bank, of New York, and it collected the money from the subtreasury at convenient periods and paid it to the Spanish agents in London through drafts on its English correidents. Necessarily the great majority of the treasury warrants are signed by the assistant secretaries in order that the secretary himself may have time for more important duties. Just prior to the resigning of Assistant Secretary Ailes he finished a task of signing 47,000 warrants made necessary by a single act of Congress, a similar batch having come to the assistant secretary from the same source the previous It is highly probable, however, that Secretary Shaw will attach his signature to the canal warrants in ques-

As to the actual money to be used in meeting the warrants drawn for these first payments on the canal, it has been scattered throughout the United States in national banks designated as United States depositories. Here again there will be depositories. Here again there will be not be using of special couplings on cars native of California, her playing as well as Mrs. Robert Huddleson, 2131 Northwestern Jennie Nurse, 310 West Tenth street. of gold coin. The secretary of the treasury having called upon the various United States depositories for a certain percentage of the government funds charged to them, the banks will simply mail drafts on the New York banking houses with which they do business and on the books of which they elways have to their credits amounts suf- the general public will take the time to CHEAPER REPAIRS ficiently large to meet ordinary demands. Thus will the Treasury Department in com- and representatives it will not be long paratively a few hours have to its credit until we will have some effective legislation in national banks in New York and in the

subtreasury there the fifty millions of dol-It is not unlikely that these first canal warrants in question will be drawn for ten millions each and deposited in some five dif- | March in his wakening strength! The west wind. ferent New York banks, and here again the magic of commercial "paper" will come into play. The banks will receive these warrants, properly indorsed, and place Them to the credit of the indorsers. The warrants, drawn on the subtreasury, will not by the banks be taken to the assistant | Sky, air and rushing waters are endowed treasurer in New York, and that official With a surpassing brightness, clear and blue. be called upon to deliver in return for them the cold cash. The assistant treasurer is That breathes its vigor through heart, soul and a member of the Clearing House Association a member of the Clearing House Association | frame; of New York city, and these warrants will | Cares, like the clouds and pains, are chased go to the clearing house along with all the other business of the various banks sent | Oh, for a life where each day was the same. there for balancing and settlement, and the



ROBERT J. TRACEWELL Controller of the Treasury.

assistant treasurer himself, at the close of It will be notable by comparison, as well the day's business, may have sufficient credits against the holders of the warrants the entire amount is presented for payment at one time, which is hardly probable Just how much of these fifty millions will least sixteen millions of it will be invested money, the coin, may be handled. That will depend upon the balances in European banking houses to the credit of the American institutions and also upon the cost of exchange." the rate charged for transmitting money by draft. If at that particular time the American banks have ample credits abroad the question of shipping the gold itself will depend upon the rate of exchange then current. If the rate of exchange is higher than the cost of shipping te as 1896 this country's the metal the gold will be shipped. Otherproduction of gold for the twelve months | wise a draft, again a piece of paper, will

SAFETY FOR TRAVELERS.

Suggestions Looking to Betterment of Present Conditions.

To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal: It requires some great calamity to call fire escapes and places of egress provided. The truth of the matter is that very lit- and everything done to secure the safety else-of people by railroads. Every year more people are slaughtered by railroads than were killed in that awful theater fire at Chicago, yet the people and their lawmakers permit it to go on without protest or effort to put a stop to it. Very recently Indianapolis has been called upon to realize what it means to have seventeen people murdered by the lack of a little care in the handling of the Purdue special. Within a little more than sixty days, and almost in hearing distance of each other, four wrecks -the Purdue special, the Big Four near Peoria, the Pere Marquette, and the B. & O. near Pittsburg-killed 143 men. Almost every day the papers print accounts of fatal accidents of this kind, and the authorities of the roads are held blameless, or the law is not strong enough to reach the guilty parties, as in the wreck of the Purdue special. The roads do not deny the charge of carelessness, but always try to place the blame on persons unable to de-

Now, I desire to call the attention of the public to the necessity of some legislation that will cover the cases. Railroads are to a certain extent under the control of the Interstate-commerce Commission, and it is proposed by the people who lost boys in t a Purdue special wreck to try to have the law so amended that the United States courts will have criminal as well as civil jurisdiction in all cases of this kind, and providing some standards of responsibility which directors and higher officials of Secretary Shaw will then have the divi- the roads may be held; then if a wreck occurs in one State because of the act of ome person in another State, as in the Purdue special wreck, state lines will not shield the guilty; also, to provide an adequate standard of damages in case of death through the fault of the railroad or its agents, under which the dignity of human life shall be at least on a parity with the

In this State the courts have held that

in the event of death by reason of the neglect or carelessness of a railroad or its agents the amount of damages, if the deceased is a minor, may not exceed that which such minor might have earned had he lived until he reached his majority. and his final standing pat with the remark | value of the boys killed at about \$600 a year and had made some settlements on that "Very true," was the answer which basis. As a matter of cold damages in a fair way to look at it if they would carry it out so as to measure the damage to the family of any married man killed under like circumstances. In the Purdue wreck Patrick McClaire, the trainer of the dren, was killed. On the same basis that the road figured the value of the boys, i. c., moral man, otherwise the faculty of Purdue would not have permitted him to associate with the boys as he did; he had to be a perfect physical man or he could not have had the endurance to do the work equired in training fifty young athletes. Being of such physical development he should, according to the expectancy tables of the life insurance companies, have lived and earned for his family thirty or forty years. Instead of giving the widow any such an amount they paid her \$5,000, which, if advantageously invested, may give her an income of \$200 a year, with which she will have to try to care for and educate two children. In my opinion the law should be changed so as to compel the railroad to pension orphans in a sum equal to what they might reasonably have expected to receive from their father had he lived until they reached legal age.

The question of the equipment of trains with proper devices for controlling them is a serious one and the building of passenger cars on proper lines is another. In an editorial in the Scientific American Jan 7, in commenting on the comparative safety of passengers in Pullman or ordinary cars, the editor says, and gives statisties to prove it, that of two passengers going aboard a train, one in a Pullman, the other in an ordinary car, the passenger in the Pullman has thirty-seven chances to the other's one of reaching the end of his journey in safety. If the Pullman company can make its cars so nearly indestructible so can other cars be made equally indestructible and the question of cost, when human life is involved, should not be considered. If Congress can comfor the safety of brakemen and other railroad employes it can compel regulations for the safety of the traveling public, and commerce Commission, the Railway Mail 'lerks' Association and others are interesting themselves in this subject, and if write letters to the United States senators

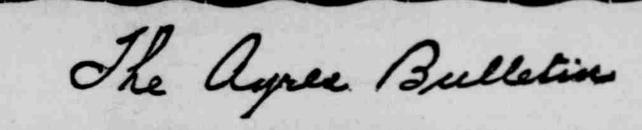
Noblesville, Ind., March 12. An Early Spring Picture.

in this direction.

A. W. TRUITT.

Rising in vigorous and sonorous play, At once has hurried from the heavens away Their slumberous guests of shadow and of cloud. The earth smiles greenly, as if glad and proud To feel the sunlight, faintly though it fall Flushed are the far woods, and a violet hue Tinges the far horizon. 'Tis a day

The agree Bulletin



BY WAY OF JO JO

Suggestion

Hats are smaller. The Eton Suit is again in high favor.

Buttons and braid continue to be much used on coats and costumes.

Tailored suits often show a bit of lace as a finish to collar and under-

Bar Brooches of French brilliants are new and exceptionally effective as fastenings for the choux of tulle or maline now so popular.

Gauze lisle hosiery is likely to prove a winning rival for lace and drop stitch stockings which have already held the stage of fashion over-long.

The vogue of lightweight ribbons should be a welcome one. At 19 cents a yard are to be had new and handsome ribbons full four inches wide, pure silk, too, and in the latest pat-

The corset coat of covert when properly made is a marvel of tailored shapeliness. The new ones hardly exceed twenty inches in length and are usually distinguished by fifteen-lapped

Material for the Gub Suit

IT is not a question of what, but of which. A score of entirely different materials are equally fashionable; which will you have?

Printed piques, light or dark, dotted, figured or striped, a yard......140 Knickerbocker suiting in various novelty designs and almost any color, a yd 150

Canvas suiting in all plain colors, from sable black and rich red to cream white, a yd...... 180 Printed and mixed color canvas suit-

ings at220 Plain and fancy cotton voiles in shot and smooth weaves, also bengalines and etamines, in every wanted color, a yd290 Imported plain color piques, choice

Other cotton materials of increasing elegance up to 65c a yard.

THREE WEEKS from to-day ends Lent and welcomes Easter. Already the noontime shadows are shorter, and not infrequently the morning sun, streaming in at an east window, is one's first greeting in the morning. And already dressmakers are busy, milliners prepared and salespeople on both suit and goods floors actively alert in the service of the forehanded. The calendar promises, nature is doling out her samples of future realization, in the store IS spring.

Spring SUITS

The preferred new styles

IT ISN'T EASY to picture the beauty of a costume in a newspaper drawing, and perhaps it is still more difficult to present a convincing image through the medium of words. What you ought to do, and what this unusually brilliant array of spring costumes deserves that you should do, is to visit this suit floor at your first opportunity. But in lieu of, or perhaps preliminary to, your visit accept this illustration of three styles, which pleased the artist, and are typical of many more, and, supplementary, a few descriptions of others no less attractive. Altogether, there are now more than a hundred distinct models ready for your choosing.

A suit of brown or black novelty mixture, collar and cuffs of brown or black cloth, made with short, closefitting jacket with broad shoulders and all seams lapped; skirt made with open plaits, instep length-

\$29.50

Wool Crepes

THREE qualities of this favorite dress material are featured. One quality, all wool, 43 inches wide,

comes in ten shades, including Silk and wool crepe in about the same range of colors, a beauty,

at81.00 Silk and wool crepe de chine, 43 inches wide and embracing fifteen different

THE DRAPERY PEOPLE are

and equally so about prices which

have been fixed on a very low

basis of profit. There'll be an un-

usual quantity of window laces sold

this season-winter's grime means all old

ones to the laundry, from which not all

come back whole-and the Ayres Store has

determined to deserve the lion's share of the

D'Arabie Curtains, a clever counterfeit of real

Arabian laces, come in strikingly handsome

patterns, all in ecru, \$3.00, \$3.25, \$3.50 and up

Real Battenburg Curtains are to be had in

both white and ecru, with edge and insertion

on best net, at upward from \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.25

Just as a hint of the range in assortment.

New Lace CURTAINS

to \$7.50 a pair.

Arabian and Cluny Curtains with hand-made lace edges, white or ecru, come in

Ruffled Swiss Curtains are, perhaps, prettier than ever, certainly cheaper; good

qualities, both plain and figured, at 65c \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.75 and \$2.00 a pair.

attractive patterns and at very low prices, good styles at \$4.50, \$5.50, \$5.25 and

"Il Are Now on Show

enthusiastic about the designs

Where Do You Buy Dress Linings

A suit of the new Panama cloth, in

blue, jacket made Eton style with

long front and finished with circular

bands of self material; front and

sleeves trimmed with silk braid,

\$37.50

skirt with graduated plaits-

Several months ago the Ayres store made a resolve to double its lining business by halfing its protits. That resolve brought the price of nearly every staple lining considerably under those prevailing elsewhere. It also brought the patronage of many dressmakers who had thought it necessary to order in bolt lengths from jobbers to secure linings at lowest cost; it should have secured your trade. But perhaps you didn't know. Here's the claim of the lining man-that he'll give better linings for the same price or the same linings for a lower price than you'll find elsewhere. Prove him.

Real spunglass lingings are 18c a yard here, instead of 20c; that's one example; but you may find more striking differences, in percalines, for instance,

GO-DAY'S JOURNAL PICTURE

Can be effectively framed in either gilt or black, in harmony or contrast with the bright red of the berries. Probably the gilt frame will appeal to the greater number, and for this style a twoinch molding has been selected as most pleasing, at a moderate cost.

This gilt frame is plain Roman gold except for an inside burnish and an ornamented edge. The black molding is in the same

width, plain, with rather deep fluted,

Bring down your picture early in the week and you may have it framed ready to hang, in either style, at 39c THEY'RE & & Jo

and they're cheap

Two lots of huck towels, two of table damask and nearly two hundred yards of linen sheeting which is this season to supplant the recent vogue of butcher's linen in the making of shirtwaists and tub frocks. The qualities are all right and the prices lower than you'll usually find quoted for goods of less merit.

Extra Heavy Huck Towels, 20 by 39 Huck Towels, good heavy ones, which measure, hemmed,

22 by 44 inches......280 Pure Linen Bleached Table Damask. 71 inches wide; three hundred yards of a quality specially cheap at its recent price of 79c a yard; now. 690 A still better Table Linen, heavier and full two yards wide, pure bleached;

Linen Sheeting, 90 inches wide; one yard will make a waist, 21/2 yards a skirt; \$1.65 kind; specially

Something English

It's printed Satin Liberty, as brilliant in finish as silk foulard and far better than silks at approximately the

These English Satin Libertys come in black, navy blue and natural ecru. adorned with dots and figures; two qualities, priced 500, 890

COATS of Covert

same low cost.

THERE'S one type of the covert coat which you must come to the Ayres store to see. It was designed here, perfected by one of New York's best makers, and will be confined in Indianapolis to its originators.

This particular coat is made 20 inches long, with broad shoulders and a very effective fullness through the bust just below the arm pit. The peculiarities of this cut insure ease and the long straight front and graceful contour so generally desired. Every garment is tailor-blocked and finished with the precision of the finest custom work. Fifteen lapped seams do much toward preserving permanently its fresh tallored look.

Prices: Of American covert, full satin lined, \$19.75; of American covert with taffeta lining, \$22.50; of genuine Worumbo covert, taffeta lined......\$25.00 Among other covert coats is one with fitted back, fly front and a new style sleeve having a box plait reaching from shoulder to elbow, with taffeta lining ... \$22.50 Another covert coat, light in shade and weight, is made with fitted back, box front and broad shoulders, has fancy metal buttons, also\$22.50

A suit of brown and white or blue and

white mixed cloth, in Eton style,

belted, small capes over the shoul-

ders; front, belt and sleeves trimmed

in silk braid of contrasting shade;

skirt made box-plaited-

In Fancy Weaves

THE Noppe Votle is distinctively of this spring and if it is not widely worn the American women will have "passed up" the most attractive novelty of recent years. French weavers have been most successful in its production and from this source three styles are now ready in a full range of favored

42-inch Noppe Voiles, in plain tan, gray, cadet and navy blues and car-Two-toned Noppe Voiles in which white is interwoven with tan, gray, beige, cadet or navy;

Novelty effects in Noppe Volle come in champagne, gray, reseda, blue and tan, all with white; 43 inches wide All-Wool Grenadines are also fashion-

able this season; of these cream

white as well as colors may be had in

CRAVENETTE

YOU are hardly prepared for spring without one; on wet days they are the only positive protection, while at other times they afford comfort and insure a stylish appearance scarcely possible otherwise-the short woman appears taller and she of greater stature takes on an added grace. The Ayres showing embraces some decided novelties, in cut and color.

A Cravenette Coat in olive green, plaited front and back, with shoulder capes, metal buttons and military collar edged with green velvet and gilt braid \$25.00

A Cravenette Coat, tan or brown mixture, made with double cape, velvet collar, full sleeves and deep

Just a few "Runabout" Coats of gray and black checked mixture, back and front laid in two plaits, double shoulder capes; special...... 814.75

Queen Quality Shoes are ready in New Spring Styles

L. S. Ayres Q Co.
Indiana's Greatest Distributers of Dry Goods

Pure Silk Ribbons four inches wide are 19c a yard

AN "ISLE OF SPICE" STAR BREAKS ENCORE RECORD

\$8.50 a pair.

Miss Leslie Leigh Answers Ten Calls from Appreciative Audience at English's.

calls, and encores were answered six times. ported to have considered her recently as a inally well known as a concert planiste. A her acting are familiar in San Francisco, avenue and not until recently did she consent to should do so at once. The Interstate- renounce her first profession to become the leading woman in "The Isle of Spice."

An attempt to organize a co-operative automobile repair shop for those owning Oldsmobiles is now under way. At a meeting last night of fourteen men enthusiastic about such an undertaking, it was decided that plans should at once be made to arouse further interest so that the machinery and other necessaries might be got ready. Great the milliner's art. She is also a graduate benefit will thus be derived insomuch as of the Browning School, of Chicago, and is Banks; treasurer, Mrs. Phelps. The club be done away with. The company has no profit in view, but is simply to lower the at Wayman Chapel, and is meeting with rate for the good of all concerned. Another i meeting will be held in about a week when sciences will be added and a grand opening | Mary Maione, Mrs. Mattie Hunt, Miss Mary | meat to it! Oh-ugh! it is expected definite plans of action will | be given. -Howitt's Journal, 1847. | be laid out.

WHAT OUR COLORED

CITIZENS ARE DOING

The movement in behalf of the Home for the Aged, Sick and Infirm of the race that is to be pushed by the local secret organizations is becoming active. Invitations "Peggy Brady," a tuneful lyric in "The | ing them. They are urged to appoint a com-Isle of Spice," and its petite singer, Miss mittee to confer on the question and to Leslie Leigh, broke a matinee record at adopt a plan for securing the home. The English's yesterday afternoon. Miss Leigh | scope of the work to be covered will appeal was compelled to respond in person to ten to all of the race. The committee on or-Miss Leigh, since her introduction to the Jamison, C. M. C. Willis, Ernest McAfee, theater-going public, has scored a pro- W. E. Moore, Thomas Smith, Dr. S. A. Furnounced success in "The Isle of Spice" and niss, Mesdames Frances McAfee, Theresa tors of the institution will be read by Mr. her managers, the Messrs. Whitney, are re- | Finley, Mary J. Scott and Hettle Williams. The Violet Pleasure Club was entertained starring probability. Miss Leigh was orig- Thursday evening by Mrs. Henry Furgason. Its next meeting will be with Mr. and

The Woman's Club will meet to-morrow afternoon with Mrs. H. J. Bennett, 701 West Thirteenth street. The Mercy Help Society is doing a good flicted of the race. This society is yet in Mrs. L. Sneed is the chairman of the com-FOR AUTOMOBILES its infancy, but it gives promise of valuable benevolent service. The Colored Women's Business Club will hold its regular meeting next Thursday

evening at Bethel A. M. E. Church. Ephraim Herod, of Millersburg, Ky., has | Lewis, been in the city for a few days, the guest of Rev. H. L. Herod, his son, who is the paster of the Second Christian Church. Madam Jordon, a graduate of the Gartland School of Millinery, of Philadelphia has located in this city at Wayman Chapel and has a class of sixteen ladies learning the country. Bishop Grant has decided to make domestic science a permanent feature Rev. D. LeRoy Furgason, pastor of the Emma Worm.

Episcopal Mission at Little Rock, Ark., will preach at the St. Phillip's Mission this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Turquoise Club will entertain its many friends with a leap year hop at Odd Fellows' Hall next Friday evening. It will be one of the social functions of the season. About 200 invitations have been issued. The Progressive Club met with Mrs. Angle Brooks last Thursday afternoon and as to the various organizations in the city Mrs. Nellie Hunter; secretary, Mrs. Sada have been issued with the view of interest- Dudley; vice president, Mrs. Patria Taylor; assistant secretary, Mrs. Flora Haves; treasurer, Mrs. Sarah Howard. The club will meet next Thursday with Mrs. Sada Dudley, on Martindale avenue. Another of the pleasing sacred concerts will be given at Flanner Guild this afternoon. The Hon. Charles W. Moores, of the ganization is composed of Messrs. Walter School Board, will also address the meeting. The programme which was to have been rendered last Sunday afternoon will be given. The annual report of the direc-

cert given last Monday evening by Mesdames Henry Hart and A. E. Manning netted the guild \$64.25. The Hoosier Circle Club gave a donkey social last evening at the residence of Mrs. The Sumner League will hold its regular monthly meeting next Wednesday evening. The Improvement Club, composed of ladies, will meet next week with Mrs. Mae Ruff Johnson, 1124 North Missouri street. This club will take up the study of race work in relieving the poor, sick and af- literature in addition to its charity work. mitfee on literature.
The East End Needle Club has elected

Franklin Vonnegut. The vaudeville con-

the following delegates to the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs: Mesdames Ada Goens and Malinda Lewellyn and Miss Etta | I'll say. The fourth lenten services of St. Phillip's Episcopal Mission will be held Wednesday evening with Mrs. Grant, 507 North West

The Oak and Ivy Club elected the following officers at their last meeting: President, Mrs. Wesley Jackson; vice president, Mrs. one of the best known colored ladies in will meet next Friday evening with Mrs. William Banks, on Alvord street. There is quite a large list of sick people,

The Wind Bear; or, the Child That Was Afraid

By Sally Cowlam

RE you all dressed, mother? Are | him, but I'm 'fraid of Lulu and Leanderyou going down? Why don't their eyes are too big! Oh, mother-oh, I can whisper it. that pink one? It makes you look nice, mother. I'd put it on. "No, I ain't sleepy-I suppose I'm nervous. They oughtn't to make people go to bed when they ain't sleepy; it always makes

guess I will; but when people get nervous they do things that they don't mean; but I'll try to go to sleep if you won't turn the light so far down. "Good night, mother-good night-good night-I believe you've forgotten somepin'. mother, your handkerchief-or somepin'good night.

them nervous. Yes, I'll be good, at least I

soon as she went down, I just knew it! to it. How can I, when I have to stay in There's so many noises! What do they make | bed? em for, when they know how scared I'll be? children, I bet I'll never make 'em go to bed! If they want to stay up all night,

"'All right; you'll be sleepy to-morrow, but you can if you want to.' That's what "Oh-ugh! What was that? I'm afraid of it! What is it that blows the curtains | sleep I might ride the nighthorse! Ugh! out so far? May be it's a bear! Ugh! A | might dream about the dream of mother's Wind bear! What is a Wind bear? I don't gloves. They had hold of me with no hands know: I never heard of one-but I know that must be one!

"I can't breathe with my head under the he knew very well it was because I had to covers-what do they let Wind bears get | go to sleep by myself. If ever I have any in a person's room for? I wish the Lord | children, I won't let them go to hed! What had never made any Wind bears-or any was that? I'm afraid of under the bed and Kalidahs! I'm afraid of the Kalidah's eyes! in the closets! Oh-no, that's the Hooligan I'm going to throw that book in the fire tomorrow. The only thing I ain't afraid of Lulu and Leander; they might know the among whom we note the following: Mrs. | in it is the Tin Woodman. Could a Kalidah | eyes are too big! There's the Wind bear support and is being ably assisted by Rev. Emma Hillman, Mrs. Emma Duerson, Mrs. eat a Tin Woodman? It could—but it again. Mother—I'm fra'ald! Mother—l'en the near future other William Marshall, Mrs. Cora Wherry, Mrs. wouldn't, but it would eat me—I'd be white er, come quick! Oh, she'll smack me, of

Van Cleve, Mrs. S. H. Hogan and Mrs. | "What is that thing on the table? Oh- | and smack me than not to come at all -- chit's the Hooligan paper! I ain't afraid of oh-mother!"

" 'Who was the First man?' Adam. "'Who was the first woman?" Eve. "Who-who-who was the first snake?"

mother! I'm afraid to holler out loud, but

"They say when I'm scared, to think

about my prayers and my Sunday-school

"'Who was the first murderer?" Abel. "Abel-Abel-Abel-who was the first angel?' Why, Gabriette!-oh, I don't care anything about him-I'm just as scared as

I was before. "'Who was the first-war?' Onward Christian soldiers!-I'm afraid Lulu and Leander are coming off of the paper at me with their eyes bugged out! Daddy says if "Now, there! I knew I'd be scared as I'm afraid of anything, to walk right up

"Oh, I wish somebody'd come up! I wish "The idea of great big things like them I had some Castoria! I believe I've got a going off and leaving a person all alone! pain in my stungup! The idea of their going No telling what will come while they're off and leaving a person with such a pain! gone! The idea of a mother making a per- | They don't care for anybody but them! Oh. son go to bed so soon! If I ever have any I can't breathe under the cover-oh-ugh! "If I cry they'll come up and smack me; and they're so mean they won't even rub Pond's Extract on the place! What does

the Lord make 'em so mean for?' "They say whenever I feel scared, to shut my eyes and try to go to sleep. I can't shut 'em-it sprains 'em! Besides, if I go to in 'em-mother's nor nobody's! Oh-h! And Daddy said it was too much beefsteak, when

course she will-but I'd rather she'd come